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Please allow me just a bit of space to expand on your obituary of Charles Douglas-Home, late Editor of The Times of London. What you published was accurate but, due to its brevity, misleading. You wrote that Charlie ". . . boosted The Times's circulation with contests, gossip features and front-page photos of Diana, Princess of Wales." He did. But Charlie also turned The Times into one of journalism's most powerful engines of ideas. He opened the Op Ed page to articles by leading thinkers including Paul Johnson, Alun Chalfont, and David Hart. And Charlie's own editorials on Communism, economics, defense, education, and religion were among the most timely and brilliant of our age. By boosting circulation and powering his newspaper to unprecedented intellectual heights--often while in great pain from the illness that in the end took his life--Charlie was more than a successful editor; he was a great one.



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